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ENHANCE INCLUSION

'You Belong' campaign launched on campus

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During this time of racial turmoil in the nation, Wartburg's Diversity and Inclusion Council decided to launch the "You Belong" campaign to promote inclusion and give students a platform to share stories.

On Oct. 27, members of the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, fell victim to alleged attacker Robert Bowers during a mass shooting. Eleven people were killed, and seven were injured. Using an online social network Gab, Bowers posted anti-Semitic comments before the attack, according to several news outlets.

Earlier in October, Cesar Sayoc has been formally charged for sending explosive packages to at least a dozen of President Donald Trump's critics, according to the the Washington Post and the New York Times.

While no one was injured, many took to social media to express concerns.

The "You Belong" campaign message is important for students to listen to according to Wartburg's Director of Residential Life and Chief Student Conduct Officer Cassie Hales.

"I think it is easy to just think that this is happening somewhere else," Hales said. "But those things impact our students on campus. As an employee at Wartburg when those things happen I worry about our students and the impact it has on them."

Hales said the "You Belong" campaign is all about making sure students know that everyone is welcome on campus.

"We can't protect them from the world, so terrible things are going to happen, but you are here and essentially you are as safe as we can make you here," Hales said.

The "You Belong" campaign serves as a replacement for last year's Hate Has No Place Here rally and signage, something Yusra Malik, a second-year student, said that showed that the college is taking initiative to prevent issues instead of reacting to them.

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- ☐ If you are not registered and your ID does not include an address, you will need proof of residence (residential lease, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government check/document)

A look at the importance of voting and how to prepare. Registration is still accepted locally. -**Anthony QuesadaSanchez**/*TRUMPET*

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Murder fuels U.S.-Saudi strain

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A relationship based on need, the United States has a demand for Saudi oil and Saudi Arabia posts a demand for American firepower. Time.com reports the arrangement has held a 75-year alliance between the two nations. The Council on Foreign Relations adds the "alliance, which survived the oil embargo in 1973 and the attacks on September 11, 2001, has passed through some recent strains."

Among the recent spark in controversy is the murder of Saudi journalist, Jamal Khashoggi. The 59-year-old journalist was last seen entering the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2, 2018, "to obtain documents necessary to marry his Turkish fiancée, Hatice Cengiz," reports Business Insider.

Suspicions surrounding Khashoggi's disappearance escalated due to his relationship with people of Saudi Arabia. Khashoggi was known to be critical of the Saudi government and the Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman in his work as a writer for The Washington Post's global opinion section.

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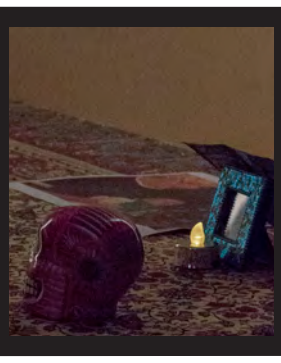

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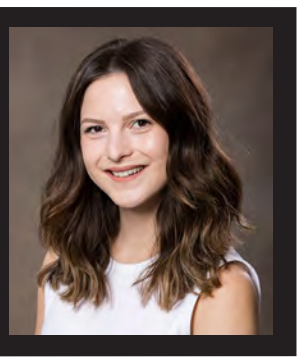

Dear Hater: Stay away from me

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Dear Hater,

I am not sorry for the title I have just called you. Just as much as you aren't sorry for what you did to me. You invaded my personal space. You sought me out to leave something that you knew would hurt me. You knew exactly what an item like that would do to me. You know what I'm about and that irks you that bad.

That I am not just a person of color, but that I scream it loud and clear with the things I advocate for. I just want you to know that this is not going to silence me. Why? Because I know what I represent is not bad. I represent love, kindness, human rights, and social justice for all.

I want you to know how sick this was. I opened my make up to find a pin with the most horrendous face. A face that to me screams "I hate you!"

This face tells me I don't belong. This face tells me I am of no value in this country. But that face doesn't even know me. Damn. If that face knew me he would be pissed knowing how big my heart is and how much I have contributed to a country that doesn't even love me.

Blood, sweat, tears. I did all that throughout my 19 years here. I grew up here. I get confused for being American. And sometimes get rejected by my own people too. So then who the hell am I? Where the hell do I belong? You don't want me, and they say I don't fully belong. Who the hell am I.

Why do you hate me so much, when all I have done is try to love. All I have done is try to mend the broken, and understand the misunderstood.

You think you are representing liberty for all, but you know damn well liberty is only meant for this in a position like yours. A position of privilege. I literally have no clue who you

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A very special issue

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Thank you for picking up this week's issue of the Wartburg Trumpet.

This issue is very important to me. Not only does it fall on my birthday (yay!), but it also came out on Election Day.

Full of personal stories, a look at international events and their impact on our campus and the overall importance of voting, I hope this issue inspires you to learn more about the policies that impact your peers, family and friends and to get out and vote if you haven't already.

No matter your political preferences, voting is so important to participate in, especially for younger, college-age generations. We have the power to elect officials who stand up for the changes we want to see, and that is an amazing power to have.

You may also notice that our issues are growing in content and pages—this one happens to be 16 pages long! This is something the Trumpet staff is very proud of, as we have heard a lot of positive and constructive feedback that has pushed us to bring all of you the best content possible.

As always, I hope you enjoy this very important issue.

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Farwell to evironmental sustainability coordinatior

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Anne Duncan, environmental sustainability coordinator, will be leaving Wartburg College after seven and a half years this Friday, as she moves on to a new adventure in her life.

During her time at Wartburg, Duncan developed and grew the sustainability department, along with a fleet of students, spreading the awareness of importance of sustainability within our own community.

"My favorite part of my time here was working with the students and helping them understand the reasoning behind why we need to care for the environment, they are who I will miss the most" said Duncan.

Duncan and her husband have created their own remodeling business that has taken off, and she will be devoting her time to growing her business alongside her husband.

The cabinet made a final decision this week that they will not be maintain Duncan's position.

There are six students who will be left to find different jobs around campus, if this decision is to go through.

The college is committed to investing some money into a program, however they will not be hiring a new staff member to run the program at this time.

-**Angeline Neo**/*SUBMITTED GRAPHIC*

'You Belong' kicks off on campus

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Malik said the new campaign is important with everything that is going on in the world today, and it has a simple and powerful message that is showing up in many of the national events.

"The synagogue shooting is heartbreaking," Malik said. "Knowing that I know people that have been affected by this makes it way more humanized. I feel like if you aren't connected to it or you don't know somebody that is connected to it you don't care about it because it is just another thing that happened."

Although heartbreaking to her, Malik said the support that people have been receiving after these incidents shows that the "You Belong" message is there without explicitly saying it.

"I think the support is the light in the situation," Malik said.

Hales said the You Belong campaign is a way for the college to show its support for students, and she encourages students to participate in intentional conversations.

"It helps everyone understand their own diversity," Hales said. "There are a lot of things that make us diverse and unique. It helps with that inclusion piece because it lets us all self-reflect on who we are and how we fit into that bigger picture."

For Malik, the campaign means that each student has a place here at Wartburg.

"You have this accepting and welcoming environment, and this is the place for you," Malik said. "It might not be where you were before, and it might not be where you are in the future but here you belong."

Both Malik and Hales encourage students to branch out and talk about on and off-campus incidents. Malik also said student participation in these conversations is where the college could continue to grow.

"I think that the same people attend those same rally's and same things, but it is the people who don't attend that we need to reach out to," Malik said. "I think teaching about ignorance and what is wrong with the situation in general is where the college needs to pick up."

Hales said she hopes to spread the message through her IS101 class, knowing that she can reach other students by having conversations with those in her class.

"I can't impact 1,400 students but I can impact one or two in these different areas and hope they can go impact someone else," Hales said.

For more information on the "You Belong" campaign or how to start having these conversations, contact Cassie Hales at Cassandra.hales@wartburg.edu.

Stay away from me: an open letter to a hater

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This letter is for you to know that I know who I am. I know damn well what I do is nothing wrong, but as for you, I wish I could say the same. However, trespassing and touching private property? I think that breaks a law or two.

But nonetheless, I need you to know how wrong this is. I don't mean to bring your loved ones into this, but just picture it. You get a phone call and hear that your mom has been robbed by not just one, but two.

Picture your child being bullied for loving the color pink instead of blue. Picture your sibling being spit at for loving you. Picture your life being someone like me. What you did hurt me.

And I know you don't care about the damage this did to me. I mean you risked being caught to hurt me that bad. I don't even want to think about what you would've done to me if I had been in the room when this happened. Would you have hurt me? Silenced me forever even?

I don't know what to think.

A "Trump for President 2016" pin found inside a makeup bag in Cortes' dorm room. -**MARIA MUNGUIA-CORTES**/*TRUMPET*

Admissions to host 3,000 high school students

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Wartburg Admissions office is hosting multiple visit days to campus with 300 to 400 high school students in attendance, according to Todd Coleman, assistant vice president of Admissions.

Total visitors on campus, which includes visit days, individual visits and athletic visit days, is around 3,000 a year.

One general Knight's Priority Scholarship Day has passed, with three more throughout the year, as well as 11 major-specific or age-specific group visit days.

"General visit days are open to any student that wants to come, and we usually have one of those a semester," Coleman said. "The other visit days are all tied with academic visit days."

The academic visit days are tied to a specific major, which include Business, Journalism & Communication and Education.

"Those are designed for students that are interested in those particular areas, and that they would come in and spend pretty much a day interacting with faculty and maybe sitting in on classes, it's just an opportunity to get people on campus," Coleman said.

Many of the academic visit days a include a scholarship opportunity, as well as include a tour of campus, lunch in the residence hall and chance to learn about potential majors.

Admissions works with dining services and faculty in different departments to interact with the students, along with Ambassadors, tour guides, coaches and music conductors.

"The bottom line is that we can't do any kind of visits here, either individual or group visits, without it being a complete campus experience," Coleman said. "There are lots of people that are involved in it, and all though we coordinate it certainly would never take place and happen without a lot of great assistance from faculty, staff and students."

There is also a direct correlation between the yield of a student that is on campus for a visit day versus a student who has not visited campus according to Colman.

"Much of the college search is about fit," Coleman said. "There's a lot of great colleges in this country, and it just comes down to fit, so we know how important it is to get students on campus."

For more information on Wartburg visit days, contact Colman at todd.colman@wartburg.edu or go to www.wartburg.edu/visit.

Visit Day Schedule

Nov. 10	Meistersinger Audition Day Wartburg Science Symposium
Nov. 11	Scholarship Day
Nov. 12	Education Visit Day Business Visit Day Journalism & Communication Visit Day
Nov. 28	Music Visit Day
Jan. 19	Meistersinger Audition Day
Jan. 20	Scholarship Day
Feb. 8	Meistersinger Audition Day
Feb. 16	Meistersinger Audition Day
Feb. 17	Scholarship Day
April 9	Junior Visit Day Middle School Visit Day*

* The Middle School Visit Day requires phone registration. Call 319-352-8264 to register.

-Anthony Quesada Sánchez/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg 2018 fall break service trips

Three groups went on service trips to Madison, WI, St. Louis, MO and Kansas City, MO -*MARKETING & COMM.*

WCDM recruits for fundraising

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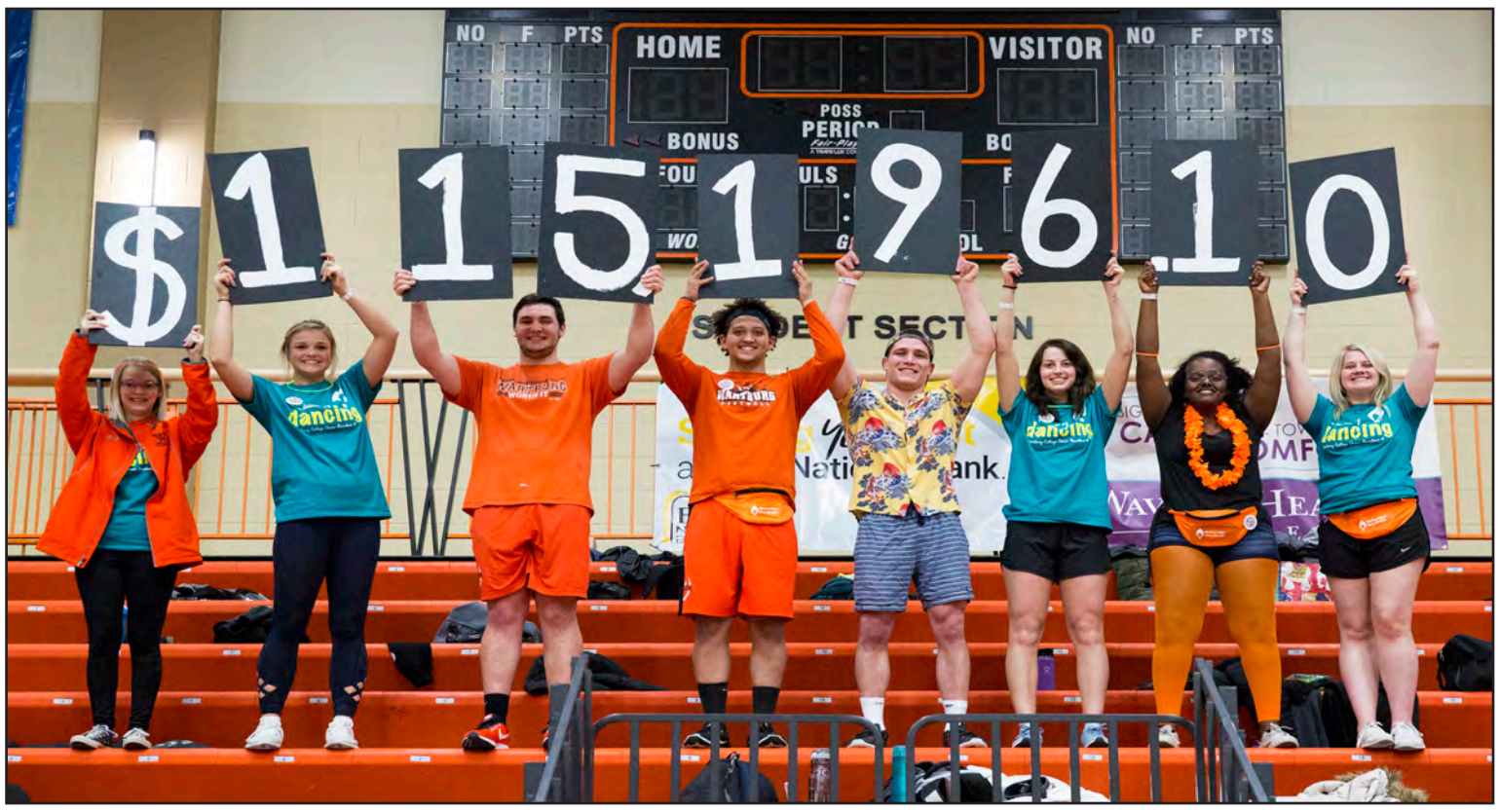

Last year WCDM raised more funds than previous years and over exceeded its goal. Student recruitment is already seeing better results among first year students and new dancers, which is promising for this year's end result *–MARKETING AND COMM.*

Last year Wartburg College's Dance Marathon (WCDM) raised $115,190.10. This year organizers hope to do even better through various service projects over the next few months, which started with trick-or-treating.

WCDM members went door to door with the trick-or-treaters in Waverly and asked for donations from the community. The Rake-a-thon, another service project, will be held in early November. Participants will rake community member's lawns and accept free will donations.

"The feedback that we always get from Rake-a-thon is that people always love seeing Wartburg college students giving back to the community," Nick Arp, co-executive director of WCDM and fourth-year biochemistry major, said.

As Wartburg's largest on-campus organization, WCDM strives to support those in need and not just through asking for donations but also by working tirelessly on service projects and staying in constant motion at the Big Event in order to emulate the feeling that the children at the hospital have to go through.

"The overall purpose of Dance Marathon is that as a college student, that might be in a situation where you may have overcome or never experienced a struggle in life and by doing service projects, you are donating your own time for the kids," Arp said. "It's a moment for us as students to experience some sort of struggle that those other children don't have a choice to avoid."

The mission for the organization is to raise funds for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital and hope to raise awareness of the children struggling with cancer and other diseases. At the Big Event, that will be held on April 6 2019, students and families share stories about how important the funds can be for a child who is suffering.

"We invite all of our miracle families to our Big Event so that those kids get to come hang out with us," Sam Pfab, the digital marketing director and second- year journalism and communications and religion major, said. "Being able to see the smiles on their faces during that day makes everything from the year completely worth it."

The funds raised from the marathon has directly helped fund Stead Family Children's Hospital's Safety Store. The store provides safety equipment and educational material and staff for different situations such as teaching newborn parents how to install a car seat and teaching kids about the importance of bicycle safety.

In order to be able to help maintain the substantial fund that WCDM has been able to raise for the hospital, recruitment becomes an instrumental part in ensuring success.

"We have a record number of first year dancers but we're still focused on recruitment because we want returning people and we also want to recruit new people, even if they're second, third or fourth year and they've never participated before," Arp said.

In order to give the opportunity for all members of the Wartburg community to be able to participate, WCDM moved the date to April because of a conflict with Wartburg Choir's Runout that was typically previously held the same weekend in March as the Big Event.

"I wish everyone would be apart of it," Pfab said. "There are so many students who are involved with music here that the weekend that it falls on conflicts with some sort of music group, so this year it does not conflict so now everyone can participate."

While many students, like Arp and Pfab, have participated in Dance Marathons hosted at high schools, many students are inspired to help after witnessing family and friends experience something similar to that of the children that WCDM supports.

"Being able to hear stories about why dancers dance, some dances say that they dance for more birthdays or more school days, whatever it is unreal," Pfab said.

For more information about the Wartburg College Dance Marathon, go to www.wartburg.edu/dm.

Homecoming 2018

(Above) The Wartburg Sparkles were one of many floats to participate in the parade this year.
(Left) Madison Bloker '19 and Nick Arp '19 were named Homecoming king and queen.

(Above) Many students kicked off the Homecoming festivities with the Thursday night pep rally.
(Left) Several alumni came back to visit Wartburg for the Renaissance Fair, football game and Oktoberfest.

(Above) Kastle Kapers took place on the Thursday and Friday of homecoming week and featured student work.
(Left) Individuals of all ages enjoyed the Renaissance fair, where Wartburg's organizations set up booths.

- **Julie Drewes/***MARKETING & COMM.*

Vote to make a difference

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Today is the day. Election Day, Nov. 6. The political ads have aired as well as the calls for change and encouragements to vote.

Voters are electing people to represent the public.

Voting is a very important right, and there are many countries that have limited voting or no voting for its citizens.

"We are able to figure out which issues mean the most to us and choose leaders who best represent our personal values and beliefs," Emily Russell, president of Wartburg Republicans, said. "By electing someone, it's essentially telling the government what we want to see happening or the change we would like to see."

Why should everyone vote in this particular election? Well, there are many reasons.

This year is a midterm election year.

Voter's Checklist

- ☐ Know who is on your ballot (find your ballot at the Iowa Secretary of State website)
- ☐ Have valid photo ID (driver's license, non-driving ID card, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID, ID card issued by employer, student ID issued by Iowa school or college or tribal ID)
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Voters need to make sure they come prepared, with both who they want to vote for and what materials they'll need. –**Anthony QuesadaSánchez**

In midterm elections, voters are choosing representatives in U.S Congress, as well as local offices, rather than the presidential election.

In recent elections, According to FairVote.org, 60 percent of the eligible voting population vote during presidential elections, when only 40 percent of the eligible voting population vote during midterm elections.

"I believe healthcare is an important issue and will always be an important issue until we find a solution," Russell said. "The fate of the Affordable Care Act could possibly be decided depending on which party takes the majority. Immigration is another issue that is important in this election."

To register to vote, which can be accomplished on election day, voters need to go to the correct polling place according to a current address on election day, according to the Iowa Secretary of State website.

In the state of Iowa, voters need a photo ID that is current, valid and has an expiration date to vote, which for most will be a driver's license.

These include in Iowa a non-driver ID cards, out-of-state driver's licenses or non-driver ID cards, voter ID cards, a U.S. passport, a U.S. military ID, Veteran's ID card, an ID issued by an employer, student ID issued by an Iowa high school or college or a Tribal ID.

If the ID does not include a current residence, voters must provide a proof of residence.

This could be a residential lease, utility or cell phone bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government documents.

The Iowa Secretary of State website also has sample ballots available, which is good for research on candidates.

"If you wish to learn more about what certain candidates stand for, there are websites online where you can see their voting history if they've held an office," Russell said. "Please do your research, and by research, I don't mean memes on social media."

Voting in Wartburg's district will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Waverly Fire Station, 123 1st Street SW. The polls are also open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. statewide.

For more information on voting, go to the Iowa Secretary of State website, sos.iowa.gov.

Saudi relationship continues struggle

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According to Business Insider, "the Saudi royal family also barred Khashoggi from writing after he was critical of U.S. President Donald Trump, and it drove Khashoggi to leave Saudi Arabia for the US in the summer of 2017." In recent months, Khashoggi reportedly told colleagues he feared for his life.

On Oct. 11, 2018, the Washington Post reported that "the Turkish government told US officials it had audio and video recordings suggesting that a team of Saudis 'interrogated, tortured, and then murdered' Khashoggi."

Five days later, The Wall Street Journal reported that "Turkish officials shared with the US and Saudi Arabia details of an audio recording said to illustrate that Khashoggi was beaten, drugged, and ultimately killed in the Saudi consul general's office minutes after entering the consulate."

The Saudi government acknowledged Khashoggi's death on Oct. 19, claiming he died during an altercation. "The Saudis had given conflicting accounts about the case over the nearly three weeks that Khashoggi's disappearance remained a mystery," Business Insider reported. However CNN reports that according to Chief prosecutor's office in Instanbul, Khashoggi was strangled and dismembered inside the consulate.

The conflicting accounts in the Khashoggi case "caused an escalating debate on Capitol Hill over the U.S.-Saudi relationship," Time reported. "Lawmakers on both sides have called for a reappraisal if the kingdom is found responsible for Khashoggi's disappearance or death."

Following the Saudi government's acknowledgement of Khashoggi's death, the White House press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, issued a statement.

"We will continue to closely follow the international investigations into this tragic incident and advocate for justice that is timely, transparent, and in accordance with all due process," Huckabee Sanders said.

Questions regarding the Saudi government's role in Khashoggi's murder have blazed into the media. Similarly, the Saudi government's involvement in the September 11 attacks fell under scrutiny following the terrorist attacks on America in 2001.

> *"We will continue to closely follow the international investigation into this tragic incident.*
> *- Sarah Huckabee Sanders, White House Press Secretary*

In the 2016 British Broadcasting Corporation documentary "9/11: Truth, Lies and Conspiracies," it is pointed out that even after 15 years, "half of Americans still don't believe they've been told the whole story" about the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"The official version of events has always been four planes hijacked by Al Qaeda terrorists acting alone then deliberately crashed on targets in America," the BBC reported. "Now, not only relatives but also some senior politicians and former intelligence officers are claiming that much of the truth surrounding 9/11 remains buried."

The documentary sheds light on conspiracies that the Saudi government had a direct connection with the planned attacks.

Given that 15 of the 19 hijackers were of Saudi nationality, many believe the Saudi government were behind "the worst terrorist attack in modern age," according to the BBC documentary.

Despite the Sept. 11, 2001, attack, which ignited tremendous U.S.-Saudi tensions, the alliance between the two countries remained.

However, with the most recent events involving the murder of Saudi journalist, Khashoggi, the alliance between the United States and Saudi Arabia is under question. While Khashoggi was not a citizen of the U.S., he was a resident with a green card. This adds ammunition for hatred against the Saudi government on top of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"The Trump administration has pressed for answers in Mr. Khashoggi's death, while also defending the U.S.-Saudi relationship," the Wall Street Journal reported.

Developments in the murder of Khashoggi will likely fuel dispute between the United States and Saudi Arabia despite the need-based relationship that has withheld past conflicts.

White privilege: Can you reject it if you don't want it?

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I'm from Kosovo, and I'm Caucasian, a term I never really use to identify myself, but for the purpose of this topic I will.

My boyfriend is Middle Eastern and even though he is Caucasian too, he's considered just not "white enough."

I didn't know white privilege existed until I came to the U.S. to study. Out of my friend group, I'm the only Caucasion and because of that I get different treatment based on my skin color. Often my friends would tell me how they were discriminated against in class. I couldn't relate to that because that has never happened to me.

My flight from home to the U.S. is a long flight and I always land in Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Sometimes I can't find something, sometimes I don't know where the exit is, sometimes I need to find the nearest restroom. Naturally, I stop the first person I see that works at the airport to get an answer or directions. I don't think about their race, skin color or ethnicity.

During the conversations I've had with my friends over the past few years, I realized that they do pay attention to those things. Not because they are racist, but simply because they feel more comfortable approaching a "minority" rather than a white person due to the experiences they have had in the past.

Another airport example – when I'm looking for an outlet to charge my phone, I sit next to the first outlet I see. Again, this is not the same for my friends. When they are looking for an outlet at the airport, they don't just look to find the outlet, they also look at the people sitting next to the available outlets.

Lastly, I want to mention a situation that happened here in Waverly, Iowa, where I live. I was out for dinner with my friends at a restaurant, my Mexican American friend was with us, who among our group of friends is the only native English speaker.

The rest of us are all international students and English is our second language.

To explain it shortly, what happened at the restaurant is that the waiter pretended that he couldn't understand the only native speaker at the table, however but could perfectly understand me, the only white person at the table, who has an accent.

The tone, the gestures, the behavior, everything was different when he would be talking to me, in comparison to the rest of my friends. I don't want to be treated differently compared to my friends.

It makes me uncomfortable and it makes me angry that people see me in a different way because of my skin color. But, unfortunately, they do.

A celebration of life and death

-Anthony Quesada Sánchez/*TRUMPET*

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Day of the Dead, Dia de los Muertos, is celebrated annually starting on Oct. 31 and through Nov. 2. The holiday originated in Mexico but has spread to other Latin American countries. This year, with the help of students, Wartburg participated in the celebration.

From Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 an ofrenda, which is usually in homes or cemeteries during the celebration, was located in the Lilly Reflection room to allow students, faculty and staff, to honor deceased loved ones by posting photos.

Day of the Dead, while featuring skulls and skeletons, is not meant to be scary, it is a celebration that recognizes death as a natural part of life.

While some Day of the Dead traditions carry through from family to family, each a special way of honoring loved ones.

The celebration in Mexico City, Mexico, features a parade that began two years ago after the opening scene in the James Bond movie, Spectre, was filmed in Mexico portraying the holiday, according to tourist officals. In America, large festivals or events take place to celebrate Day of the Dead and features mariachis, food, dances and more.

The three-day event at Wartburg was organized by '21 Luis Jimenez, along with the support of Spanish And Latin Student Association (S.A.L.S.A.) executive members. Jimenez organized the celebration originally as a residential floor program in student housing, but it quickly turned into something bigger.

> *"This event is a good way to show how we celebrate Day of the Dead and show people that you don't have to be Hispanic to celebrate it.*
>
> *- Luis Jimenez*

Dressed as Miguel from "Coco" Luis Jimenez stands in front of the entrance to the ofrenda to welcome students, faculty and staff - **Lexi Bodzioch**/*TRUMPET*

"I took it to my area coordinator who was very enthusiastic about it," Jimenez said. "And so we started talking about budget's and stuff like that and he said it would be a better idea if I opened it up to the whole campus."

Jimenez went to Krystal Madlock, director of multicultural student services, to reserve the rooms and finalize plans. Madlock placed Jimenez in contact with S.A.L.S.A. to help plan the celebration.

"I've never planned an event this big before," Jimenez said. "So it's been very interesting to work with S.A.L.S.A. and to also work with the diversity and inclusion committee to help spread the word of the celebration."

The photos of deceased loved ones, as well as the loved ones' favorite food or drinks, candles and Marigolds line the different tiers of the ofrenda.

The marigolds play a significant part in guiding the spirits to the ofrenda from the spirit world during the celebration.

Participants also dress as skeletons through face paint and wear suits and fancy dresses. Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate and bring people together to remember lost loved ones.

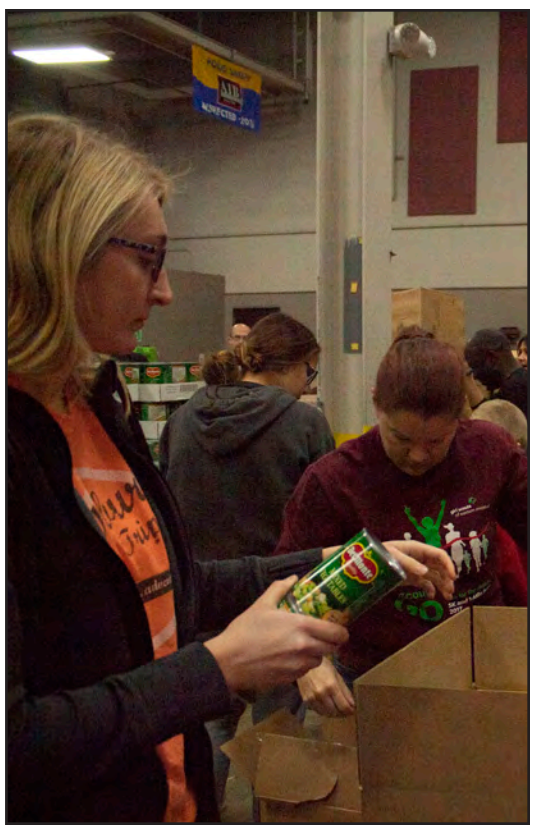
"It means a lot to me because when I was a kid it was always an event that was celebrated,"Jimenez said. "And this was the one holiday that I knew was fairly serious, not in a sad way, but in a way of bringing us together."

Mainstream focus on the holiday started after the release of Disney's feature film, "Coco," which gave the public an opportunity to easily understand why the holiday is such an important event.

"This event is a good way to show how we celebrate Day of the Dead," Jimenez said. "And show people that you don't have to be Hispanic to celebrate it. We've all dealt with loss whether it's a family member, a friend or pets, we all know that feeling but it doesn't have to be a sad thing we can come together and celebrate their time here."

Jimenez hopes that students who attended the event through the week learned a little more about Day of the Dead and how this holiday is different from Halloween.

"The big goal of it is to understand the event, all we want out of it is that we're exposing this to people," Jimenez said. "Hopefully those people that go will tell their friends like 'hey this is what's happening don't just skip over it, come to it'."



Even with completing service in St. Louis, he group still had time to act silly and sight see. Students packed food boxes (above left and right), watched the Knight's play volleyball and drink boxed water (lower right), visited the St. Louis Arch (lower left) and walked Cherokee Street after sorting clothes (below).
- Silvia Oakland */TRUMPET*

Wartburg service opportunities: Worth it? Indeed

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The Wartburg mission statement states that the college "is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning." Throughout the semester students are given the opportunity to provide service across the country through Wartburg service trips.

After sitting in a van for six hours, seven Wartburg students and an area coordinator arrived at the Urban Mission Inn. The Inn was not a hotel, but is a floor located at the top of Union Avenue Christian Church dedicated to hosting high school and college groups participating in service trips.

The group unpacked and brought groceries in for the week and began the trek to the first service site.

The Habitat for Humanity Restore has multiple locations and allows for the recipients of a house built by Habitat for Humanity to purchase household supplies at a lower cost. The warehouse is home to donated cabinets, tile, blinds for windows and items that can be used to make home repairs.

The Wartburg group was quickly put to work unboxing cabinet sets, taking out trash and organizing tiles. After working at Restore, the group returned to Urban Mission Inn to make supper.

After supper and time for reflection, the students sat around in the common room for hours playing the game "Clue" and playing an out-of-tune piano that sat in the corner.

The next service site was a consignment store called Angel Boutique ran by the organization Guardian Angel. Angel Boutique moved around the St. Louis area to help specific zip codes. But this store did more than just provide discounted clothing items. Attached to the store is a food pantry for the two specific zip codes the Angel Boutique serves and the store helps to provide self-sufficiency classes that teach computer literacy, financial literacy and collect backpacks and school supplies when the back-to-school season hits.

While the work was simply organizing the overwhelming amount of donations in the basement, the thank-yous from the store manager and the Guardian Angel group were incredible. In that moment, I truly felt like I was fulfilling Wartburg's mission statement.

The last service site was at St. Louis Area Foodbank. The group sat and listened to Harry Steen, volunteer center manager, walk through the instructions. The goal was to fill between 400 and 1,000 food boxes which at the end of the day would be sent to senior citizens in the St. Louis area.

Wartburg was not the only volunteer group there, at least five other groups helped in packaging 720 boxes in the four hours of service.

The food bank does not have an age requirement to volunteer so they often see a wide range of ages from toddlers to senior citizens helping to package boxes. During our first break, Steen and Ryan Farmer director of communications talked about how the positions they hold at the foodbank, seemed to just happen.

"I started here as a volunteer after I retired," Steen said. "I kept getting more involved and they hooked me around here. I really believe in the mission of what the foodbank does."

Farmer was working at a radio station when he and his team were looking for places in the community to get involved with and the foodbank was one of the contacts.

"A lot of people think about being charitable during this time of year, the holiday months," Farmer said. "But really one of the big times of need is over the summer months, when kids are out of school."

And after some layoffs through the radio station, Farmer found himself reaching out to the foodbank which at the time had an open marketing and communications position and began working for them soon after. The food bank is also important to the volunteers that work there.

The people in the St. Louis community, no matter age, race or ability, are willing to help those in need. The amount of appreciation from each site was overwhelming.

Children of the community gathered in the rooms of the Science Center to have one last night of Halloween fun.- **Wartburg College**

Spooky Science Night: Snakes, scales and slime oh my!

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For most people the costumes and thrills of Halloween were over after Oct. 31, however on Wartburg's campus the fun continued well into the weekend.

Tri-Beta, chemistry club and engineering club all helped in hosting this year's Spooky Science Night.

The groups worked together to create a night for elementary age students in the community that was filled with science demos, scaly animals and candy.

"This year we're ahead of the ball," Nathan Stumme, chemistry club president, said. "We've been getting advertising out and last year there were a lot of kids, so I have a feeling this year there will be a lot more."

While the event was geared toward five to 12 year-olds, Wartburg students were allowed to attend the event to help educate the children on the activities and even to help pass out candy.

Different rooms of the science center were sectioned off and featured a variety of activities including a slime making station, a sheep brain station and an exploding pumpkin.

Along with these rooms, children had the opportunity to pet and look at a selection of animals and insects that are housed in the science center.

"We have quite a few activities and experiments," Jessica Mueller, Tri-Beta president, said. "We're really excited to get the kids involved with hands on activities, so it'll be something they can get messy with but still learn."

Besides this spooky event, Tri-Beta hosts other events such as the blood drives held throughout the academic year and the group also helps organize ditch clean up along highway three.

As for chemistry club, students can look forward to the Demo Show, which features multipl chemistry and physics based experiments, hosted in Winter semester.

However, the two groups are looking into hosting another holiday oriented event.

"This year we're planning on doing something with chem club that has been done in year's past," Mueller said. "We've worked together to host a glass bending event featuring cookies and hot chocolate for Christmas."

For more information about Tri-Beta, chemistry club and engineering club visit www.wartburg.edu/orgs/.

"Abstraction at work" in latest art exhibit

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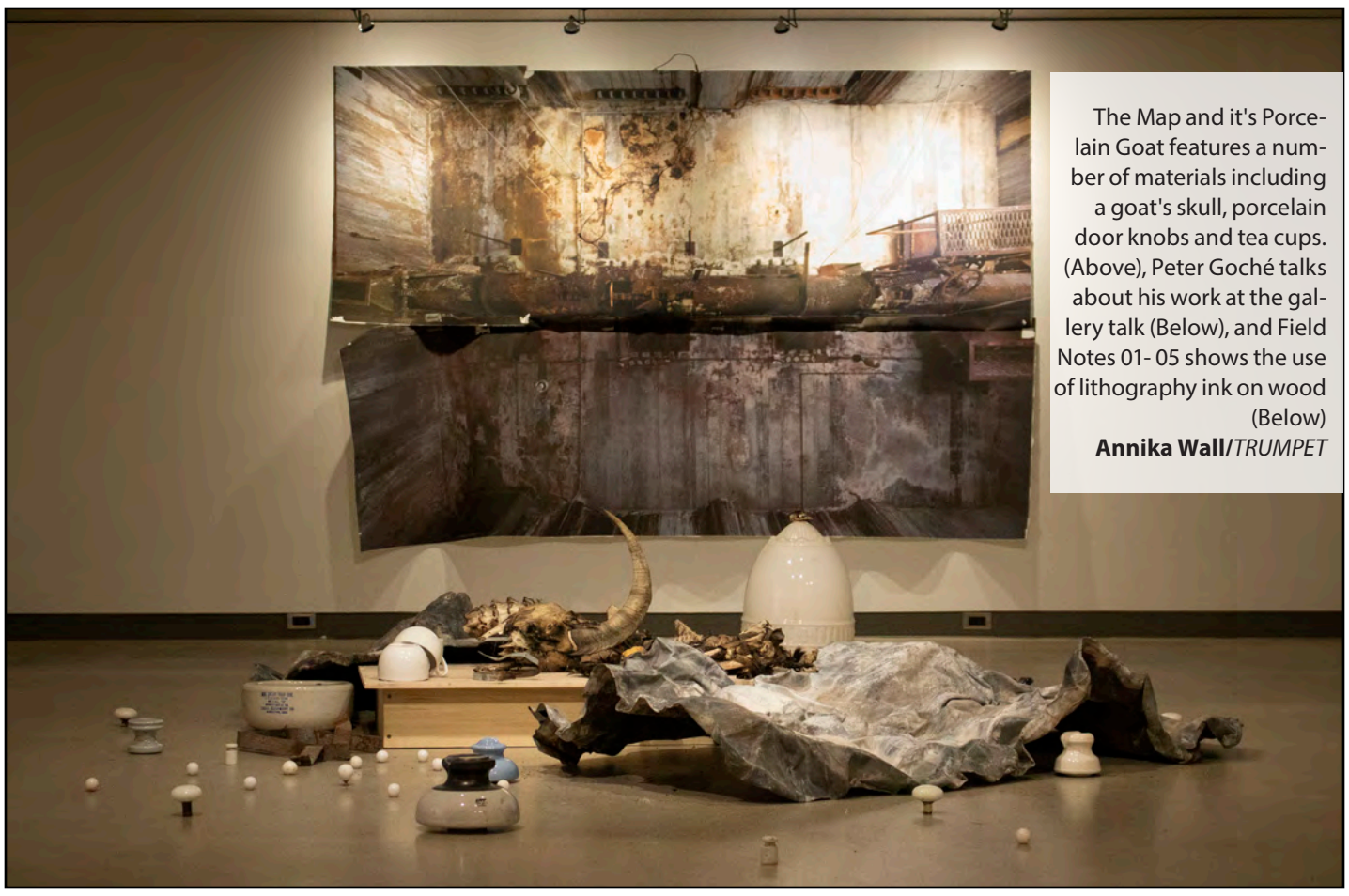

The Map and it's Porcelain Goat features a number of materials including a goat's skull, porcelain door knobs and tea cups. (Above), Peter Goché talks about his work at the gallery talk (Below), and Field Notes 01- 05 shows the use of lithography ink on wood (Below)
Annika Wall/*TRUMPET*

Annually the Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery at Wartburg College plays host to a variety of exhibits, ranging from paintings to installation art to student work. Last week, the exhibit "Out There in Here: Surface Tension and the Spatial Apparatus" by Peter Goché took to the walls and, in some cases, the floor of the gallery.

Goché uses a variety of different materials in his work. For example, the piece "Maintenance" uses ink and motor oil on a sheet of cardboard. "Field Notes: labor may not ascent linearly" is set apart from other pieces by including a steel grain bin ladder, while his installation "The Map and it's Porcelain Goat" uses a combination of photographic print, goat remains, porcelain and metal.

Goché's exhibit, due to the artwork's unique nature, impacts each individual differently. Barbara Fedeler, professor of art at Wartburg, noted that the exhibit as a whole engaged all five senses.

"I was intrigued by the sense of smell, the sense of materials and the idea that I was interacting with things in a way that wasn't literal or naturalism," Fedeler said. "It was an abstraction at work. My work is more realism and this is not realism, though it uses realistic objects."

While creating the work, Goché was inspired by multiple things. For example, in "The Map and its Porcelain Goat," the piece began with goat remains from Goché's farm. After adding porcelain and steel objects, Goché added a photographic backdrop to the sculpture of the place where the goat was first displayed.

Even though many of Goché 's pieces are different, they are all bound together by the theme of surface tension.

"Mostly I'm interested in the tension between materials that create an immaterial condition," Goché said. "The way that it reflects light, or it has a smell that maybe is light petroleum oil but we think of it as art. Those sorts of effects on space are really interesting to me as a body of work."

Goché was first introduced Johanna Kramer-Weston, Wartburg's Gallery Director, after viewing a photography exhibit in the gallery last year. After striking up a dialogue, Goché submitted a proposal to display his work.

"It was actually a very great proposal, which is why I selected him to be a part of the exhibition," Kramer-Weston said. "Rather than thinking of drawing as pencil on paper, he thinks in terms of shape, light reflecting on surface as a drawing mechanism.

Goché's unconventional way of looking at art continues in how the work is displayed. One wall of the gallery features five pieces of maple plywood covered in lithography ink, otherwise known as petroleum oil. The back room of the gallery is dominated by "The Map and it's Porcelain Goat," allowing gallery goers to get extremely close to both parts of the piece.

Most recently, Goché and Kramer-Weston decided to add wooden blocks from his farm to the floor of the exhibit.

"We didn't feel like the condition of the show was occupying the room in a full way," Goché said. "So we wanted to add these things that sort of added a marginal relationship to petroleum oil."

Goché's exhibit will be displayed until Dec. 9. The free gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and is open to the public as well as Wartburg students, staff and faculty. Contact Kramer-Weston at j.kramerweston@wartburg.edu

Wartburg to host Bach's Lunch Organ Recital Series

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BACH LUNCH RECITAL
When: 12:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9
Where: Wartburg Chapel

Wartburg College's Bach's Lunch organ recital series will feature Diane Beane at 12: 30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9, in the Wartburg Chapel.

The recital will be preceded by lunch and a conversation with Beane at noon in the Chapel Commons at Wartburg.

Beane, a Wartburg alumna, is the organist and director of music at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly. She is also an adjunct piano instructor at Wartburg and served as the choral accompanist at Waverly-Shell Rock High School for 17 years.

The program will feature several pieces arranged by Jon Reuss, including "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less." Reuss, another Wartburg alumnus, is an information technology applications analyst at CUNU Mutual. He plays piano and percussion in the worship band at Redeemer Lutheran.

Attendees are invited to bring a lunch or order one from the Den-Rittersaal by the Wednesday prior to the performance by contacting Marcia Haugen at marcia.haugen@wartburg.edu or call (319) 352-8300.

The series will continue Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12.

Music Events

TUESDAY, NOV. 6
Nathan Huff & Weston Krug Junior Saxophone & Horn Recital

Emily Schmidt Junior Vocal Recital

THURSDAY, NOV. 8
Trumpet Festival Concert

SATURDAY, NOV. 10
Bryn Davis & Madeline Cable Junior Flute Recital

Abbie Jones & Andriana Stuppi Junior Voice Recital

Brittany Carpenter Junior Voice Recital

SUNDAY, NOV. 11
Knightliters Concert

TUESDAY NOV. 13
Flute Choir & Clarinet Ensemble Recital

THURSDAY, NOV. 15
Pinnacle: Pin & Tonic

THURSDAY., NOV. 29
Symphonic Band Holiday Concert

Kassie Hennings & Sofia Bouffard Junior Trombone & Clarinet Recital

Logan Merley Junior Horn Recital

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Nov. 7
Wrestling vs. Nebraska Wesleyan 7 p.m.

Nov. 10
- Men's and Women's Cross Country vs. NCAA Central Region, 11 a.m.
- Football @ University of Dubuque, 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. University of Wisconsin-Platteville, 3 p.m.
- Wrestling @ Luther Open
- Women's Bowling @ Leatherneck Classic

Nov. 11
Women's Bowling @ Leatherneck Classic Davenport, IA

Nov. 13
Men's Basketball @ Cornell College, 7 p.m.

Nov. 14
Wrestling @ Simpson College, 7 p.m.

Nov. 16
Women's Basketball vs. Illinois Wesleyan University, 8 p.m.

Nov. 17
- Men's Basketball vs. Viterbo University, 3 p.m.
- Men's and Women's Cross Country @ NCAA D3 XC Championships, Oshkosh, WI
- Men's Bowling @ Bronco Open VI, Hastings, NE
- Wrestling @ Augsburg Open Minneapolis, MN
- Wrestling @ Concordia University Open Mequon, WI
- Women's Basketball vs. Carroll University, 4 p.m.

Athletes of the Week

Dane Steidler

Posted a career-high 10 tackles and 2.5 TFLs in football's victory over Luther. Also forced a safety in the first quarter.

Jayme Willemssen

In volleyball's postseason play, blocked 13 attacks and pounded down 24 kills.

New distance legacy

Collet earns MVP honors, looks toward All-American success

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Second-year Carina Collet earned MVP honors at the American Rivers Conference Championship cross country meet. –**Kaylin Muggler**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

Carina Collet '21 has already accomplished some big things. In her collegiate track and field debut, Collet earned All-American honors in the 10,000m run. Less than a year later, Collet established herself as the best female cross country runner in the conference, placing first at the American Rivers Conference Cross Country Championships and earning MVP honors. But sometimes it's hard for the athlete to believe she's truly "that good."

"It's honestly amazing," Collet, a second-year English major, said. "It's kind of mind-blowing. It's sometimes very surreal. I've actually struggled with that this year. Coach says you have to accept you're good and I'm like, oh yeah, that's a thing. It's incredible to see if you trust coach you can accomplish some great things. I'm so incredibly blessed. I'm thanking God every day."

As a product of Seneca high school in Verona, Illinois, Collet didn't find Wartburg until she promised her mother, Ann, she would take a visit. Ann's push for Carina to visit Wartburg introduced her to Ryan Chapman, head men's and women's cross country coach, at Wartburg.

When Chapman saw Collet run during a high school practice, he knew she would be an asset to the program. What he didn't realize was how quickly it would happen.

"She's grown a lot," Chapman said. "Our athletes can be really cerebral or really emotional and she was really emotional coming in. Instead of letting failure damage her, she used them to build on."

Collet found the transition to college difficult, adding that it reflected in her times. At the 2017 Dan Huston Invite, Collet placed 16th with a time of 23:29.4. Almost exactly a year later, Collet won the meet with a time of 21:45.5.

"I want to be an All-American," Collet said. "[Finish] Top ten, maybe top five. We're shooting for the stars this year.

During the current season, Collet has won three individual titles, including the conference meet, where she helped lead the Knights to a runner-up finish. With the regular season success, Collet has high goals for postseason.

"Carina is not simply the best runner on our team," Chapman said. "She's the hands down favorite to win regionals and a top 15 [finisher] at Nationals."

However, the cross country class of 2018 had a lot to do with Collet's success. Ben Coleman '18 served as Collet's training partner, while Beth Mallon '18 helped with Collet's transition to college athletics. Ashlyn Bagge '18 ran with Collet in the 10,000m run at the 2017 Outdoor Track and Field Nationals, finishing second and finishing out her career with All-American honors. In Chapman's eyes, Bagge handed Collet the torch.

"When she graduates, there will be a lot of All-American and All-Academic certificates," Chapman said. "Carina will be a part of the distance legacy. But, more importantly, she's going to show a lot of young women what they can do at Wartburg, not only in the program, but that you're better than you think you are."

Collet and the Knights will run in the NCAA Central Region on Wartburg's home course at 11 a.m. Saturday in a bid to qualify for the national meet on Nov. 17 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Men's soccer falls 2-0 in ARC semifinals match

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The No. 3 seeded Wartburg men's soccer team (9-7-3 overall, 5-2-1 A-R-C) fell 2-0 to the No. 2 seeded Luther (15-3-1, 6-1-1) in the American Rivers Conference semifinals match on Wednesday night.

Luther's first goal came at the 27:56-minute mark, where Ben Keller scored on a header off of a corner kick by Bruno Colon. The goal serves as Keller's ninth goal of the year. Wartburg would keep the Norse out of the net the rest of the half, as they went into the break trailing 1-0.

At the half, the Knights were out-shooting the Norse nine to six, but trailed in corner kicks at 2-1. The Knights were only able to attempt two shots after the goal by Keller, as the Norse's number-one ranked defense held the Knights in check.

Luther scored its second goal of the game just past the 70th minute, as Marc-Arthur Shapiro scored on a cross into the lower left corner off of a pass from Faydane Ouro-Akondo. The goal gave the Norse the 2-0 lead and would prove to be too much for the Knights to overcome as they fell to Luther 2-0.

With the loss, the Knights season comes to a close at 9-7-3 overall.

As a defender, Riley Close '20 tries to manuever his way around the Dutch defense. Close scored two goals and added one assist his junior season. - **Matt Ohl**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

Ayo Adebayo '19 scored seven goals during his final season as a Knight. Adebayo also added two assists for a total of 16 points, which stands as third-best on the team. The senior has scored 24 career goals. - **Matt Ohl**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

Blough makes a mark

The legacy behind a decade of winning

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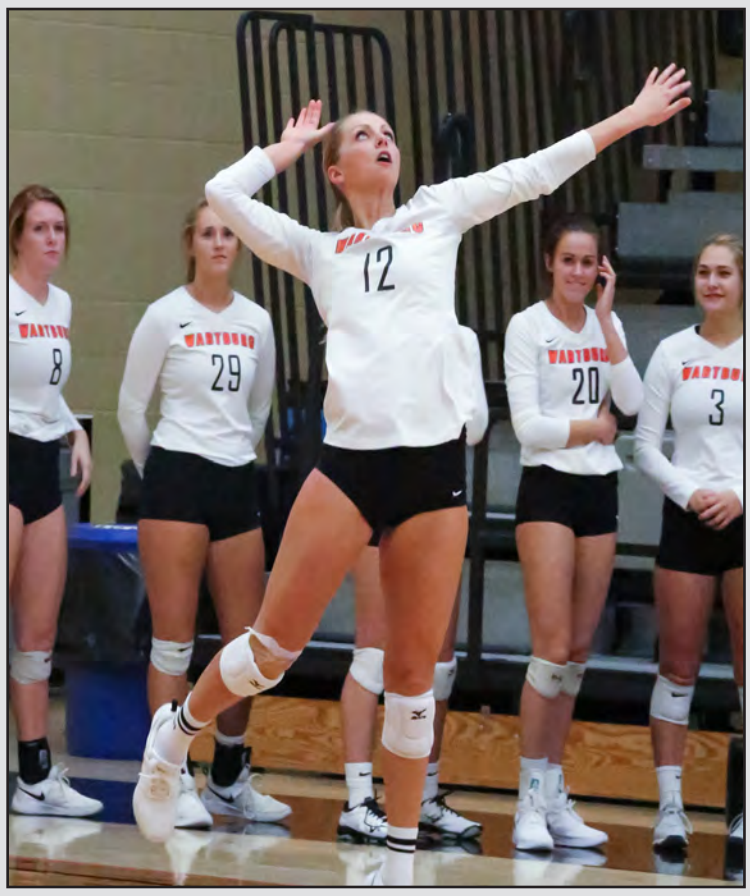
Senior outside hitter Lizzy Blough '19 completed her volleyball career following the final 2018 postseason game. Blough's work ethic and all-around talent will leave a lasting impact on the Wartburg Volleyball program and the coaches who mentored her over the past four years.

"She's spent eight years, high school and college, and never lost a conference championship," Doug Frazell, co-head coach, said. "Won four straight titles in high school and has now gone to the NCAA tournament in the three years she's been here, working on her fourth."

Blough has served as a six-rotation player for almost four years for the Knights, an impressive feat considering the success of the team over the past decade.

"Well, on this run here in the last nine years that we've been doing all this winning, she's the only six rotation outside we've had," Frazell said. "So if you just take volleyball and say 'whos been on the court' Mallary our other senior and Lizzy."

On a Wartburg volleyball team with only two returning seniors and five upperclassmen, Blough served as a leader for years. Blough and fellow senior Mallary Erbes, the only seniors on the team this year, have served as a guiding force behind Wartburg's winning culture, helping earn three straight Conference championships and just as many NCAA playoff appearances.



Lizzy Blough '19 contibutes five service aces for the Knights in the American Rivers Conference semifinal match against the rival Luther Norse during Beat Luther week. - **Krystal Johnson**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

"I didn't really feel an added pressure," Blough, referring to her role on a young team, said. "We really wanted to go out and get that conference title again and with the now sophomore class, last year's freshmen, I think we had a good base unit to build off of. We've only grown from there."

Looking back on her time before Wartburg, Blough has been in a situation for success for the better part of a decade. Hailing from Dike-New Hartford, a school that's consistently been a volleyball juggernaut, Blough was ready for the spotlight.

"I've been playing the game for a really long time," Blough said. "I started in fourth grade so my experience on the court I think sets me apart. I've also had the chance to play all the way around, so I know what it's like to play in the front row and the back row. I can predict a little bit better."

Considering all that Blough has accomplished at Wartburg, Frazell feels like her name belongs right up there with some of the best he's ever coached.

"I could argue that there has not been two players that have had the winning, there just hasn't been in our program's history," Frazell said. "What kind of impact did those two have and what kind of impact did Lizzy have specifically, since about a month into her freshman year Lizzy has not come off the court. She has been a six rotation player for essentially four years on the most successful run in the program's history. I don't know what else you can say legacy-wise to that."

Wartburg's season ended Saturday at the hands of the University of Dubuque Spartans in the American Rivers Conference Championship match, as the Knights' did not receive an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament. At this time, Blough ends her career as a two-time all conference, and two-time academic all conference athlete.

In the loss to the Spartans, Blough lead the way for the Knights' in kills with 17 and also contributed two blocks.

For more complete results, see page 15.

> *"From the record books, to the titles, to the success. It's just unmatched.*
>
> *- Doug Frazell, Co-head Coach*

Knights trounce Norse, move up to 7-2

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The Knights seem to be in playoff form already, finishing off the rival Luther Norse this week with an astounding final score of 43-7.

Matt Sacia '19 had arguably his best game of the season, finishing with four touchdown passes and 359 passing yards on an incredible completion tally of 22-27.

This performance comes after two straight where Sacia recorded five touchdown passes, both are tied for the most touchdown passes in a game in school history.

Sacia and his receivers spurred excellence from each other as well, as three Knights cracked 100-yards receiving. JoJo McNair '21 racked up 123 yards receiving, Brendan Childs '20 owned 106 and Kolin Schulte '20 pitched in114 of his own.

Dane Steidler '19 led the Knights defensively. He contrbuted 6 solo tackles and 4 tackle assists. Steidler was also credited with a dominant play in the first quarter that saw Steidler block a Luther punt and force a safety in the end zone.

The Knight's got onto the scoring column first with an 11-yard rush by Mason Carter '20 and a Kain Eagle '22 PAT to put the Knights up 7-0. The previously mentioned safety by Steidler moved the Knights to 9-0 going into the second quarter.

Mason Carter put on a show with a 48-yard rushing touchdown for the first score of the second quarter to move the Knights to 15-0 after Kain Eagle's kick was blocked.

The next scoring play came when Matt Sacia connected with Lee Bonifus '20 for an 11-yard touchdown pass. That combined with an 8-yard pass to Brendan Childs later rounded the score to 29-0 at halftime.

The Knights scored twice in the third quarter on two Sacia touchdown passes to both JoJo McNair and Kolin Schulte to increase the score to 43-0. The Norse finally got on the board late in the fourth to round out an end-score of 43-7.

The football game took place on senior day and was part of Beat Luther week, an extra treat for the fans. - **Julie Drewes**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

The victory moves the Knights to 7-2 on the season, and they will face of against the University of Dubuque on Saturday in a fight for the conference championship as both sides are 6-1 in conference play.

This Week in Sports

Men's Soccer
Loss @ Luther, 2-0
The Knights concluded the conference tournament run with the loss, giving them a current record of 9-7-3 overall.

Women's Soccer
Win vs. Luther, 2-0
Nicole Adair '19 scored of a Molly Close '21 pass. Alyssa Drewelow '19 scored early in the second half to put the Knights up.

Loss @ Loras, 3-2
Nicole Adair '19 tied the match 1-1 going into half, and Anna Rood '21 helped the Knights take a 2-1 lead off a pass by Joy Smith '22, but it wasn't enough to hold off the top seeded DuHawks from scoring two goals in the second half.
The DuHawks received the automatic conference bid for the NCAA tournament.

Volleyball
Win vs. Luther, 3-2
Mallary Erbes '19 compiled a career-high 52 assists, while Katie Foster '21 had 40 digs. Lizzy Blough '19 posted five service aces.
Hannah Moeller '21 and Hanna Halverson '20 posted two aces each.

Loss vs. University of Dubuque, 3-1
The Knights dropped the conference title game for the first time in four years. Lizzy Blough '19, Jayme Willemssen '22 and Kylie Bildstein '21 each had double digit kills.
Mallary Erbes '19 ran the offense with 46 assists. Katie Foster '21 posted 21 digs, with Blough adding 11.

Football
Win vs. Luther, 43-7
Mason Carter '20 rushed for two touchdowns, one of which was for 48 yards. Dane Steidler '19 led the defense with a career-topping 10 tackles, 2.5 of which were for loss, and a safety.
JoJo McNair '21, Kolin Schulte '20 and Brandan Childs '20 each received over 100 yards. Matt Sacia '19 was one passing touchdown shy of the single-game school record with four, throwing for 359 yards.
The Knights will be playing for the conference title next Saturday against the University of Dubuque.

Two conference MVPs, one family

Sacia's become first mother-son MVP duo in Division III history

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Wartburg Athletics boasts many achievements. The Knights have a string of 24 years of individual or national team championships and 16 conference all-sports championships for overall men's and women's programs. In 2012, the Knights made NCAA history for any division when they won two national championships (women's indoor track and field and wrestling) on the same day. Last fall, another first was added to the Knights portfolio when then-junior Matt Sacia was named the Iowa Conference MVP for football. Alone, his honor wasn't enough to make history, though still impressive. What cemented Sacia's place in the NCAA Division III history books was the fact that his mother, Stephanie Reinert Sacia '91, was named the conference's MVP for women's golf in 1990. The addition of Matt's honor made them the first mother-son duo to accomplish this.

Stephanie, who played golf and softball in each of her four years, qualified for nationals for golf multiple times and competed in that tournament her senior year.

But, this is a story that almost never had the opportunity to be told. Stephanie was set to go to the University of Iowa—she went so far as to get her room assignment. She hadn't even considered the college athletics experience until she visited Wartburg with some high school friends. Of the 48 in her graduating class, six attended Wartburg.

"A couple of them were seriously looking at Wartburg, and I came along on the visit for fun," she said. "LeAnn Bollum was my assistant basketball coach back home in Durant, and she played at Wartburg. She was the one who was really encouraging me to come for a visit here."

At Wartburg, Stephanie visited with legendary coach Buzz Levick, the women's golf coach at the time, as well as Coach Janet Vaughan, the softball coach, and they planted the seed.

"I felt really comfortable right off the bat and was excited to consider continuing all the sports that I loved to do. Late in the spring of my senior year, I changed my plans and came here," she said. "I knew coming in that I would be golfing and playing softball. I didn't know how it would all shake out time-wise, but wanted to try since, at that time, the only thing in the spring for golf was nationals.

Mother Stephanie '91 (left) and son Matt '19 (middle), pictured alongside husband and father Eric '91 (right) were both honored as conference MVPs their third year at Wartburg, making them the first mother-son duo in DIII athletics to do so. - **Courtesy Photo**

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I qualified for nationals a few times and told myself I had to play there at least once," she continued. "The year I did play, unfortunately it didn't go very well because I was in the middle of softball season and hadn't golfed very much. It was in Wisconsin, and it was freezing cold."

Though Stephanie came to Wartburg as a shortstop, she switched to second base her freshman year to guarantee more playing time and still ranks seventh in career assists and double plays.

"That was the year I felt the most solid and contributed team-wise and I think that got recognized with the MVP award," she continued. "I had a really good round and was leading the field after the first day of the conference championships, but day two didn't go quite as well. It was a little shocking to me when they named me MVP. I thought it would go to the person who sealed the deal on day two. I think the voters took into account the whole year and how it was a balanced year for me."

Athletics aren't the only things the mother and son have in common. Both have a passion for health care, with Stephanie starting in pre-med and switching to physical therapy and Matt planning on med school from the beginning of his college career.

"Matthew and I are so close and have a great relationship, but we are also different in some respects," said Stephanie "When he was little, he would throw things, not being ornery, but throw things at targets. He was a very good baseball pitcher and struggled to decide which sport to play in college. He always had very high expectations for himself and those around him and he led by example," she continued. "He played all kind of sports, and you could tell was very good and a very athletic kid. When he started demonstrating intelligence, decision-making, and his maturity with the emotional side and how he handled pressure, I knew there was something really special there."

Though his parents are alums, they didn't want Matt to feel obligated to come to Wartburg and were deliberate in encouraging him look at other institutions. He visited several other schools, but Wartburg's tradition in athletics and the sciences proved tough to beat. For Matt, the toughest decision was choosing which sport to specialize in.

Sports have always been a part of the Sacia family, with each of the four children involved in several different ones. His brother, Adam, a sophomore at Wartburg this year, plays on the baseball team.

"I knew both my parents were athletes and really like sports. Being around it a lot and from hearing their own stories, I knew they were successful and I wanted to push myself to uphold that," Matt said. "My mom shares more about her college athletic career than my dad does, though. They talk about things that stood out to them, how a coach taught them a good lesson, or something that happened in a game where they learned something. It's been more about experiences that they've had that has stuck with them more than their personal achievements."

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In fact, Matt didn't even know about his mom's MVP honor until the interview was scheduled for this story.

"When I mentioned it to him that we were going to be interviewed, he asked what we were going to talk about?" said Stephanie. "I try not to toot my horn too much."

Stephanie was presented with her MVP award at her conference championships, but she, Eric, and Matt all learned of Matt's honor on Twitter.

"Eric and I were meeting for lunch that day and I saw the tweet right before heading in," she said. "I walked in and was a blubbering mess. That's the beauty of it, Matthew doesn't play to that, awards aren't what drives him. When it happens, it's truly so unexpected. I am so proud. He's very deserving; obviously I'm very biased as his mom."

When told that they were the first mother-son duo in NCAA Division III to receive conference MVP honors, Stephanie was very humbled.

"It's a unique thing that we get to share," she said. "Our love for sports and our love for competition and team. He's been a team-first guy his whole life. Respect. All those things that teams and sports bring out in people.

"Having this achievement together means a lot; I care about him so much and it's something special that we now share on top of everything else," she said. "Matthew has never been complacent; he's always been a very hard worker. Over the years I've learned more from him than what I've been able to teach as he has always been wise beyond his years. He's taught me a lot about patience, the process, taking things as they come, controlling what you can control, because I can get focused on the end goal, rather than the steps we need to take to get there. So to hear something like this, I think it just kind of highlights our polar opposites that complement each other."

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Conference Success

Men's Cross Country wins first title in 13 years

The men's cross country team won the American Rivers Conference title, led by a runner-up finish by second-year Sam Pinkowski. - **Kaylin Muggler**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

After taking second place a year ago, the #17 Wartburg men's cross country team took home the top prize at the 2018 American Rivers Conference Championship, earning the conference title for the first time since 2005.

The Knights scored 32 points as a team and had seven individuals earn All-Conference accolades, including two top five finishes.

Wartburg's coaching staff of Ryan Chapman and Phil Spitzer were honored as the Conference Coaching Staff of the Year, also for the first time since 2005.

Conference Results (top seven runners only):
#2 Sam Pinkowski, 26:07.8
#4 Joe Freiburger, 26:15.66
#7 Dalton Martin, 26:42.06
#8 Caleb Appleton, 26:46.94
#11 Liam Conroy, 27:00.93
#13 Casey Roberts, 27:06.10
#15 Matt Heinzman, 27:09.90

"Every meet builds off the meet prior. With the team we had last year, how young we were, the question was how we were going to win.

- Ryan Chapman, Head Coach

Volleyball takes second in ARC tournament, wins regular season championship

While the Wartburg volleyball team had the opportunity to avenge a regular-season loss to the University of Dubuque Spartans, history repeated itself in the form of a 3-1 Spartan victory.

The two teams traded the first three sets, with Dubuque winning the first and third, with Wartburg claiming the second. In the final set, the two traded points until the Spartans went on a three-point run to match point. The Knights prolonged the game with a Jayme Willemssen '19 kill, but Dubuque followed it up with one of its own.

Wartburg finishes the season with an overall record of 18-12.

Postseason Statistics vs. Luther:
Erbes, 52 assists, 15 digs
Blough, 16 kills, 15 digs
Sydney Rottinghaus, 18 digs
Bildstein, 11 kills, 11 blocks
Groe, 12 kills
Willemssen, 12 kills, 9 blocks

Postseason Statistics vs. UD:
Erbes, 46 assists, 15 digs
Blough, 17 kills, 11 digs
Willemssen, 12 kills
Katie Foster, 21 digs

Mallary Erbes '19 and Kylie Bildstein '21 were both named All-Conference selections in the American Rivers Conference. - **Kaylin Muggler**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

Nicole Adair '19 scored 10 goals during her senior season and added eight assists. Adair started all 19 games during the 2018 season. - **Matt Ohl**/*MARKETING & COMM.*

Women's soccer takes second

Even though the Knights took a 2-1 victory over the Loras DuHawks during a regular season meeting, the DuHawks used two second half goals to deal the Knights a 3-2 loss.

The DuHawks struck first, taking a 1-0 lead. However, at the 42:32 minute mark, Nicole Adair '19 sent a pass to Annie Place '22 to tie the game going into halftime.

Anna Rood '21 conntected with a pass from Joy Smith '22 to take a 2-1 lead. However, the DuHawks scored two goals in the next 20 minutes to secure a second straight A-R-C title and automatic bid to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Marissa Lopez '22 posted four saves in the loss, defending the goal the entire game.

Earlier in the week, the Knights posted a 2-0 victory over Luther. Adair scored off a Molly Close '21 assist at the 21:11 minute mark. Alyssa Drewelow '19 started the second half with a goal off a pass by Adair.

Marissa Lopez '22 posed five saves in the semifinal victory.

The Knights' season is not over, as the team qualified at-large for the NCAA tournament.

Postseason Statistics vs. Luther:
Adair, one goal, one assist
Close, one assist
Drewelow, one goal
Lopez, five saves

Postseason Statistics vs. Loras:
Rood, one goal
Place, one goal
Adair, one assist
Smith, one assist
Lopez, four saves

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